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Mr. Foster . . . . . Josh Brummitt  
Betsy . . . . . Traci Quinn  
Connie . . . . . Marcy Burnett  
Martha . . . . . Marge Cowles  
Alice . . . . . Suzanne Begley  
Nora . . . Anne M. Galloway  
Ann . . . . . Shannon Flaherty  
Mary . . . . . Roseanne Simmons  
Lil . . . . . Sylvia Pickell

Place: Living room of Ann's house  
in a small Rhode Island town

Act I: October, 1934

Act II: October, 1944

There will be a fifteen minute intermission.  
The concession area in the lobby will be open  
during intermission.

- Please -

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE THEATRE  
TURN OFF ALL BEEPERS, PAGERS & CELLULAR PHONES  
NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEO MAY BE TAKEN DURING PERFOR-  
MANCES.

## Cast Notes

**Josh Brummitt** (Mr. Foster) Originally from Abingdon, VA, Josh has been a Sumter resident since 1987. Though he worked backstage on the SLT production 'Of Mice and Men', this is his first appearance onstage since elementary school. He is an amateur photographer, a volunteer with SC Special Olympics and is Employed by the Sumter Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

**Traci Quinn** (Betsy) Though she hasn't been on stage in a long time, Traci directed last season's hit, 'Moon Over Buffalo.' Traci says she loves working on stage with such a great group of women, something she hasn't had the chance to do since the all-female "Steel Magnolias" more than a decade ago. She has also appeared in "Crimes of the Heart," "Guys and Dolls," and "The Nerd." Traci is a freelance designer and is the owner and creator of "Imagine That!" – a literary magazine for kids and their parents. Since her daughter McKenzie turned 3, Traci often suffers from what Betsy would call a "diffusion of sanity" ... but in a good way!

**Marcy Burnett** (Connie) Marcy has appeared in numerous productions at SLT, the most recent being 'The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds.' Since then, she and her husband, Kendy have co-produced two children; Cassidy and Jackson. She wishes to thank her wonderful husband and mother-in-law for their support and willingness to take over child-care duties during the production of this show.

**Marge Cowles** (Martha) Marge is usually found behind the scenes in the costume shop or box office, but once in a while has stepped onto the stage in productions such as 'Steel Magnolias' and 'Social Security.' Marge seems to have a penchant for roles portraying grumpy old ladies. Being a first-born child in real life, she feels at home with bossy Martha. She is recently retired from School District 17 and is enjoying the extra time; much of which she spends at SLT. Her favorite line in the play is *Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone.*

**Suzanne Begley** (Alice) Suzanne first appeared on the SLT stage in the 1994 production of 'Rumours'. She has since appeared in 'Love Letters' and as Fanny Church in 'Painting Churches'. She is a member of the SLT Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Sumter Partnership of the USC Educational Foundation. Suzanne is married to Jess Begley and is active in her church. Having no real sisters of her own, she says, 'Correct me if I'm wrong Mary, but hasn't it been joyous being one of 8 sisters?'

**Anne M. Galloway** (Nora) SLT regulars will remember Anne from our productions of 'Nunsense'. She has appeared in other musical theatre productions including, 'The King and I,' 'The Sound of Music,' and 'The Music Man.' She is married to Ronnie Galloway and has 2 sons, 1 daughter, a son-in-law and a grandson. Anne enjoys singing, working in the yard, reading and spending time with her family. She is an administrative assistant at Sumter Packaging.

**Sylvia Pickell** (Lil) Although this is her first time on stage, Sylvia has been props manager for a number of shows including 'On Golden Pond' and 'Of Mice and Men.' She has been an SLT volunteer since 1999, working with costumes and props. She was also Stage manager for 'Mean To Be Free.' Sylvia is a Financial Manager, and feels the role of Lil, the 'entertaining sister' is a fitting one.

**Shannon Flaherty** (Ann) Shannon is a long-time member of the SLT family. For 12 years she has created costumes for a vast number of SLT productions. She has also graced the stage in 'Social Security,' 'Dearly Departed' and 'Cheaper By The Dozen.' Shannon is a guidance counselor at Sumter High School and a member of the SLT Board of Directors.

**Roseanne Simmons** (Mary) This is Roseanne's first appearance on the SLT stage. Roseanne teaches at Millwood Elementary School. She enjoys dressing up and acting out characters in books for her elementary school children and participates in Millwood's annual Variety Show at Patriot Hall. She says that she shares many personality traits with her character...but she never wanted to be a nun.

## Production Notes

Director.....	Eric Bultman
Stage Manager.....	Michael Duffy
Technical Director.....	Booth Chilcutt
Sound & Lighting Technician.....	Carmela Bryan
Costumes.....	Peggy Chilcutt Rose Metz Marge Cowles Shannon Flaherty Sylvia Pickell
Set Crew.....	Josh Brummitt
Set Construction.....	Carmela Bryan Booth Chilcutt
Box Office.....	Junior Welfare League
Membership Services.....	Jane Sheehan
Ushers.....	SLT Youth Theatre School Students
Program/Posters.....	Michael Duffy

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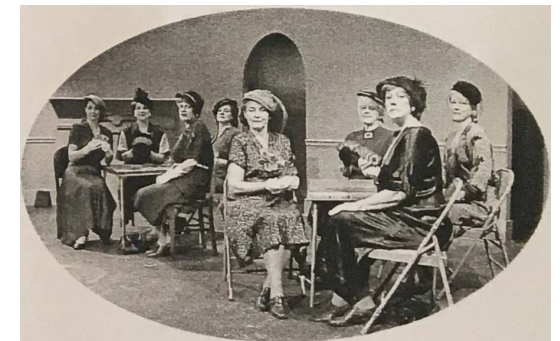
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